GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department - Ongole Municipal Corporation - Allegation of Certain irregularities in Rural Water Supply (Projects), construction of CC drain from Parvathamma temple to Addanki Busstand centre in Ongole Municipal Corporation - Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri S. Ravindra Babu, the then Municipal Commissioner, Ongole Municipal Corporation - Charges framed - Inquiry conducted - Inquiry Report communicated along with Dis-agreement factors - Penalty of withholding of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect - Imposed - Orders - Issued.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 423 **Dated: 12-05-2025**

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, General Administration (V&E), Dept., Vigilance Report No.5 (C.No.868/V&E/E1/2013), Dt.26.07.2014.
2. From the CDMA, A.P., Hyderabad, Roc No.13908/2014/C3-2, dated 25.03.2025.
3. G.O.Rt. Nos.350 & 351, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Dept., dated 20.05.2015.
4. G.O.Rt.Nos. 488 to 489, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Dept., dated 12.07.2017.
5. From Sri T.Mohan, S.E & Inquiring Authority, Lr.No.488/CON/Ongole. Corp/EQ/2019, Dt.25.10.2019.
6. Govt.Memo.No.13086/Vig.III/2014, dated 13.09.2022.
7. From the CDMA, AP, Vaddeswaram, Roc No.13908/2014/C3, dated 03.05.2023.

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ORDER:

Based on the recommendations of DG (V&E), in the reference 1st read above and DACs furnished by the E-in-C(PH) in the letter 2nd read above, disciplinary proceedings initiated duly framing charges against Sri S. Ravindra Babu, the then Municipal Commissioner, Ongole Municipal Corporation under Rule-20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in the G.Os. 3rd read above on the allegation of certain irregularities in Rural Water Supply (Projects), construction of CC drain from Parvathamma temple to Addanki Busstand centre in Ongole Municipal Corporation.

2. Whereas in the reference 4th read above, Sri T.Mohan, Superintending Engineer, Nellore Municipal Corporation was appointed as an Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officer and the Municipal Commissioner, Nellore was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case to the Inquiry Officer on behalf of disciplinary authority.

3. The Inquiring Officer has submitted inquiry report in the letter 5th read above duly stating that all the charges framed against the charged officer Sri S. Ravindra Babu, the then Municipal Commissioner, Ongole Municipal Corporation are held not proved in the inquiry. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were disagreed as it appears that there was a deliberate attempt to expedite the tender process under the guise of certain environment and the approach of invitation of tender process by the charged officer is not correct, further, obtaining Insurance premium is mandatory before concluding agreement. The said Disagreement factors on the

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findings of the Inquiry Officer along with a copy of the Inquiry Report was communicated to the charged officer for submitting his written representation if any, on the same in the Govt. Memo 6th read above. The charged officer has submitted his written representation on the disagreement factors communicated to him and in the circumstances stated therein, has requested to drop further action against him through the letter 7th read above.

4. Government after careful examination of the inquiry report, disagreement factors, written representation of the charged officer and material made available, hereby impose a penalty of stoppage one Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against Sri S. Ravindra Babu, the then Municipal Commissioner, Ongole Municipal Corporation.

5. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Vaddeswaram shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri S. Ravindra Babu, the then Municipal Commissioner, Ongole Municipal Corporation **through** the CDMA, AP, Vaddeswaram.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Vaddeswaram

Copy to:

The Engineer - In - Chief, Public Health, AP, Tadepalli.
The Commissioner, Ongole Municipal Corporation.
The PS to Secretary, APVC, AP Secretariat.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, MA&UD Dept.,
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SECTION OFFICER